

RESEARCH CONFERENCE

CALL FOR PAPERS

November 17-19, 2003 ♦ Washington, DC Area

**Note:
Deadline
for
abstracts
has been
extended
to Nov.1,
2002**

The Federal Committee on Statistical Methodology (FCSM), composed of the senior statisticians from several federal statistical agencies and organizations, and sponsored by the Office of Management and Budget, is planning a research conference to be held Nov 17-19, 2003 at the Sheraton Crystal City in Arlington, Virginia. The conference will feature mostly contributed papers with

formal discussion and software demonstrations on topics related to a variety of statistical research issues. Papers and demonstrations should address methodology, empirical studies, relevant issues, or needs for statistical research. Papers must be original and not previously published or disseminated. Proceedings will be published from the conference.

Possible topics include but are not limited to:

Cross-cutting topic areas

- Statistical issues in national security
- Confidentiality, privacy and disclosure issues in data release and data linkage
- Data mining, warehousing and metadata
- Design and analysis of longitudinal studies
- Measurement issues and bridging changes in classification systems
- Statistical uses of administrative records

Analysis

- Bayesian statistical methods and software
- Estimation methodologies to obtain early or preliminary data
- Exposure analysis and modeling
- Forecasting, time series analysis, and seasonal adjustment
- Innovative methods for designing and analyzing epidemiological studies
- Methods of statistical modeling and meta-analysis

Survey design and data collection

- Geospatial data collection and analysis
- Impact of culture and language diversity on questionnaire design

- Improving coverage and response rates
- Research on data collection instrument design, pretesting and evaluation
- Survey integration and cross-survey planning
- Treatment of missing data
- Uses of innovative technologies for data collection, processing and dissemination
- Advances in frame development for censuses and surveys
- Model-based survey estimation
- Sample design and estimation

Evaluation

- Census and survey evaluation methodologies
- Environmental effects and ecological assessments
- Innovative approaches to program evaluation
- Measuring data quality
- Nonsampling error: estimation and evaluation
- Usability testing

To submit a paper or demonstration for consideration, send an abstract by ~~October 1, 2002~~ **November 1, 2002** to:

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Abstracts should include a brief description of the paper; up to four key words; authors' names and e-mail addresses; plus the presenter's name, affiliation, mailing address, phone & fax numbers. Submit an ASCII text file by e-mail or hard copy by fax. Early submissions are encouraged.